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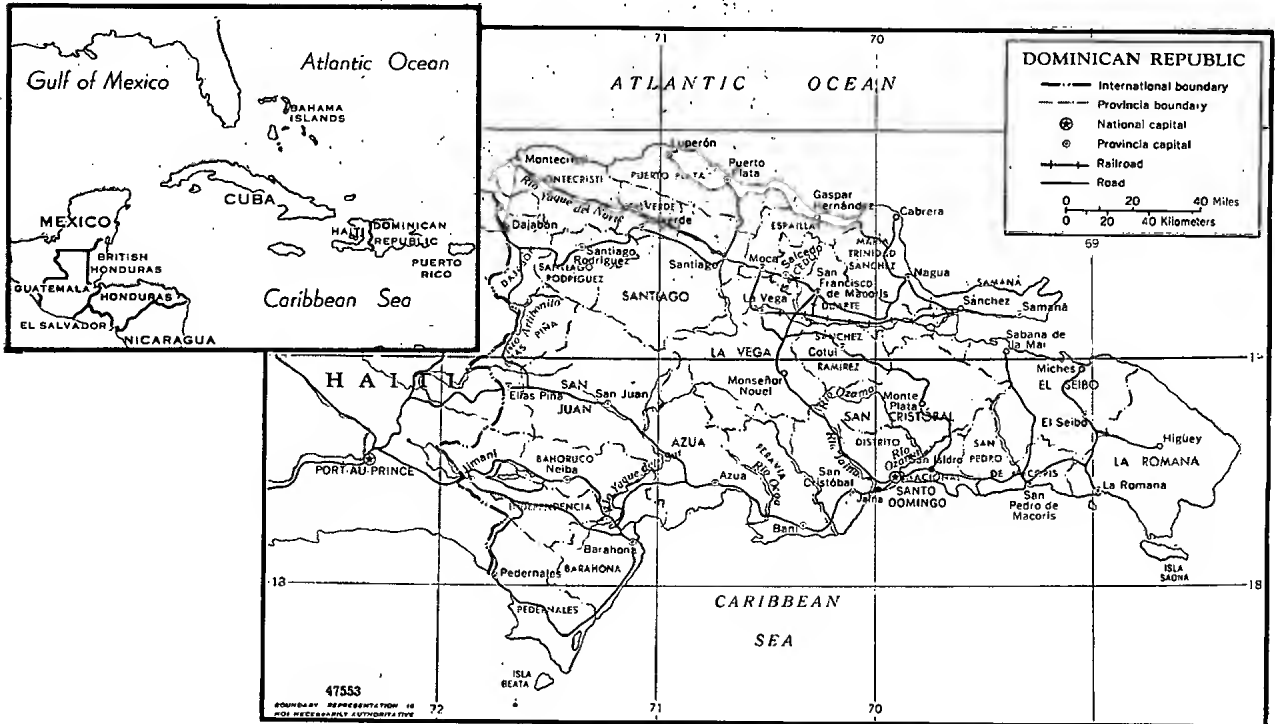
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LATE ITEM

Dominican Republic

Imbert was reported planning a bid for public support at a mass rally late this afternoon, while his forces are continuing to keep military pressure on the rebels.

The Imbert government radio this morning urged people from both the city and the countryside to attend a "huge mass meeting" at 4:00 p.m. EDT today. Imbert apparently hopes to put on a show of popular enthusiasm which will justify the continuance of his regime. Reports on public reaction to his call have not yet come in.

Loyalists forces continued to advance into the rebel-held area of the city today. Rebel resistance was light, except in the vicinity of the radio station, and loyalist casualties were reported to be few.

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After being off the air part of yesterday and this morning, a rebel radio station--identified as "Radio-TV Santo Domingo"--was heard in the capital at 3:00 p.m. EDT

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The station is putting forth the usual propaganda against the US and the Organization of American States (OAS). Jamming efforts so far have been ineffective.

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1. Vietnam

The Viet Cong political front organization is claiming credit for the explosions at the Bien Hoa air base on Sunday. There is no evidence to support this claim, which the Communists presumably are putting forward as self-aggrandizing propaganda. 50X1

It is now clear that the major actions last week at Song Be and in An Xuyen Province involved Viet Cong forces under regimental control. Commitment of Viet Cong forces of such size has hitherto been very infrequent. Another indication of intensification of the fighting last week is evidenced in the heavy Viet Cong losses. 50X1

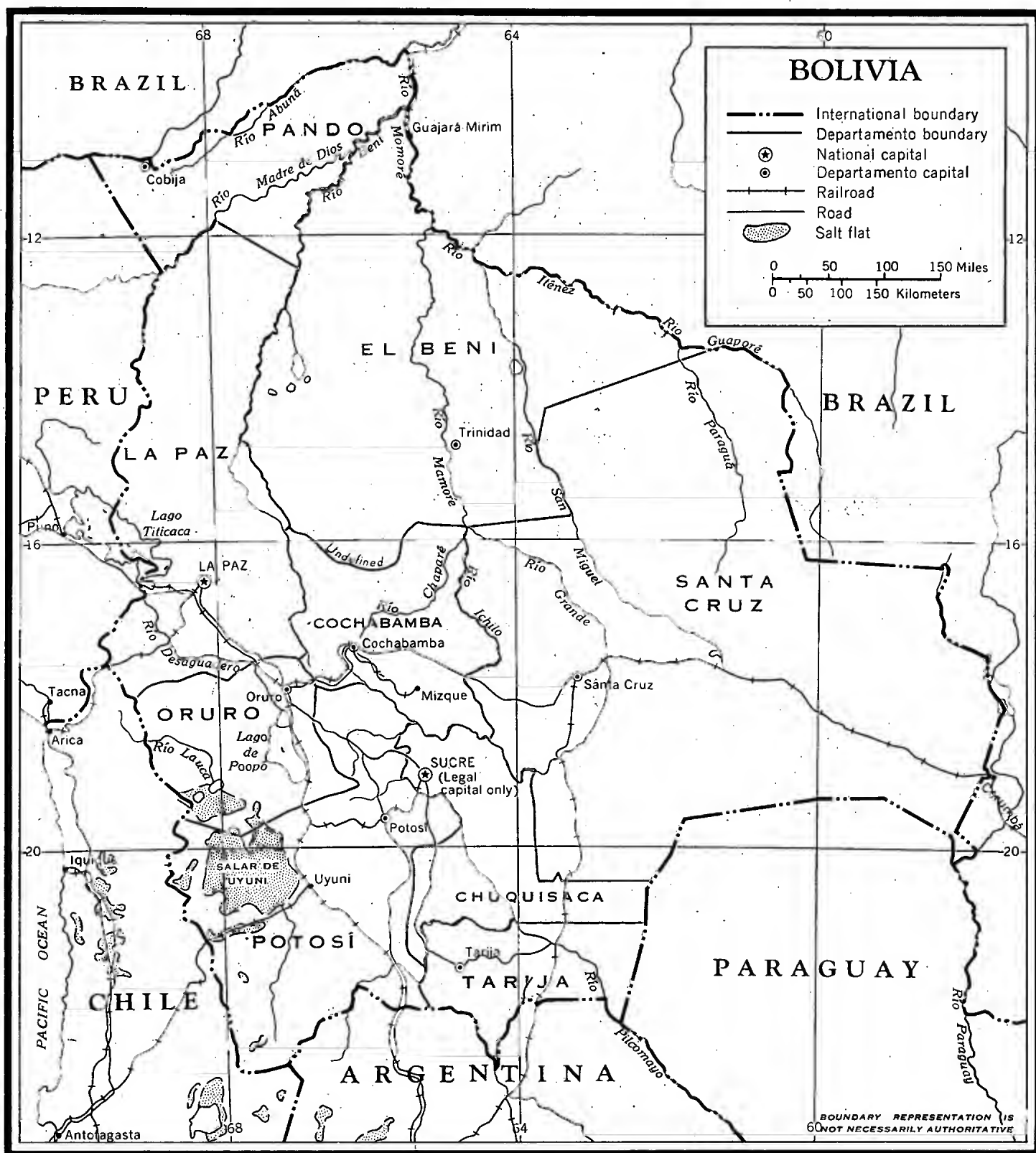
2. India-Pakistan

British efforts to mediate a formal cease-fire agreement in the Rann of Kutch have all but bogged down. Both sides are being fantastically finicky over minor details and appear at the moment to be drifting even further apart.

The military situation is perhaps less inflammable than two weeks ago, but this could quickly change for the worse if some incident occurred. 50X1

3. Guatemala

Widespread reports that the Peralta regime intends to cancel plans for fall elections have increased the chances that a terrorist campaign might set off a chain reaction of subversive activity. 50X1



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4. Bolivia

The junta is standing firm, but the crisis is far from over. More Communist-directed demonstrations in La Paz are expected late this afternoon, and the situation remains explosive.

The non-Communist opposition is holding back, but would probably jump in if the junta showed the slightest disunity or irresolution. 50X1

5. Cyprus

The firing incident at Limassol did not get out of hand, and the situation is quiet today. The US Embassy at Nicosia comments that this incident--in a town where Greek-Turkish Cypriot relations have been comparatively good for some time--demonstrates that peaceful conditions cannot be taken for granted in Cyprus. 50X1

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